Academic Plan - Associate of Arts Journalism

Catalog Year: 2021/2022

This degree is designed for students wanting to complete the first 2 years of a bachelor's degree at ACC and

transfer to a university to complete a BA in Journalism or Mass Communication. Students gain reporting and news writing expertise. Careers often require a BA degree or higher.

The program provides a journalism foundation in the reporting and media principles underlying journalism, along with instruction mass media, photojournalism, and public relations. Career paths for Journalism majors include working as a reporter, editor, public relations specialist, or within a marketing department. A full-

time student can complete this Associate of Arts (AA) degree in two years. This degree prepares students to transfer to a four-year university to complete the second half of a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Journalism or Mass Communication. To be successful, a student should have strong writing skills, ability to think creatively, and an interest in working with a team.

Total Credits: 60

General Education Courses

* 3 Credits, Arts / Humanities GT-AH1-AH4, available fall spring summer
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* 3 Credits, ENG 121 - English Composition I: GT-CO1\*(3 Cr.), available fall spring summer
* 3 Credits, ENG 122 - English Composition II: GT-CO2 (3 Cr.), available fall spring summer
* 3 Credits, History GT-HI1, available fall spring summer
* 3 Credits, MAT 120 - Mathematics for the Liberal Arts: GT-MA1 (4 Cr.), available fall spring summer
* 3 Credits, Natural / Physical Science GT-SC2, available fall spring summer
* 3 Credits, Social / Behavioral Science GT-SS1-SS3, available fall spring summer
* 3 Credits, Social / Behavioral Science GT-SS1-SS3, available fall spring summer
* 4 Credits, Natural / Physical Science GT-SC1, available fall spring summer

Additional Required Courses

* 3 Credits, Choose one of the following: JOU 121, JOU 215, JOU 231, JOU 241, available fall spring
* 3 Credits, JOU 105 - Introduction to Mass Media: GT-SS3\* (3 Cr.), available fall spring
* 3 Credits, JOU 106 - Media News and Reporting\* (3 Cr.), available fall spring
* 3 Credits, JOU 225 - New Media (3 Cr.), available fall spring summer

Elective

* 5 Credits, Elective, available fall spring summer
* 6 Credits, Elective, available fall spring summer
* 6 Credits, Elective, available fall spring summer

Pre-Requisites, Co-Requisites, and Recommendations

* ENG 121 - English Composition I: GT-CO1\*(3 Cr.)
  + Co-Requisite: CCR 094 - Studio 121 (3 Cr.)
* ENG 122 - English Composition II: GT-CO2 (3 Cr.)
  + Pre-Requisite: ENG 121 - English Composition I OR ENG 131 - Technical Writing I
* MAT 120 - Mathematics for the Liberal Arts: GT-MA1 (4 Cr.)
  + Pre-Requisite: MAT 050 - Quantitative Literacy (4 Cr.)/MAT 055 - Algebraic Literacy (4 Cr.)

Notes

* \*This course requires college level readiness as measured by Accuplacer, ACT, or SAT scores; approved high school course work that is less than five years old; or successful completion of appropriate college-readiness.
* Refer to 21/22 catalog for specific requirements and important information about this degree.
* Course availability subject to change.an interest in working with a team.
* Recommended courses are listed above for certain electives; consult with the Academic Advising Office (advising@arapahoe.edu or 303.797.5664).
* Elective options: Any Guaranteed Transfer course OR Any course in the following prefixes except Special Topics (275) and Independent Study (285): ANT, ART, BIO (100 OR above), CHE, ECO, HIS, HUM, LIT, MUS, PED, PHY (105 OR above), POS, PSY, SOC.
* Elective note: ENG 231 - Literary Magazine & ENG 230 - Creative Nonfiction are not Guaranteed Transfer courses. ENG 230 Creative Nonfiction also has a pre-requisite of ENG 221 - Creative Writing I.
* It is recommended to take ART 139 - Digital Photography before JOU 121 - Photojournalism and/or JOU 225 - New Media.

Graduation Requirements

* All courses required for this degree must be completed with a “C” or better to be considered for transfer to another Colorado institution. Transferability of courses to colleges or universities outside of Colorado is determined by the receiving institution.

RECOMMENDED COURSE SEQUENCE FULL-TIME TRACK

Year 1: Fall

* 3 Credits, Arts / Humanities GT-AH1-AH4
  + ~Recommended Arts / Humanities Course(s)~
    - ART 110 - Art Appreciation GT-AH1\* (3 Cr.)
    - HUM 103 - Introduction to Film Art: AH2\* (3 Cr.)
    - MUS 120 - Music Appreciation: GT-AH1\* (3 Cr.)
* 3 Credits, ENG 121 - English Composition I: GT-CO1 (3 Cr.)
* 3 Credits, JOU 105 - Introduction to Mass Media: GT-SS3 (3 Cr.)
* 3 Credits, MAT 120 - Mathematics for the Liberal Arts: GT-MA1 (4 Cr.)
* 3 Credits, Natural / Physical Science GT-SC2
  + ~Recommended Natural / Physical Science Course(s)~
    - AST 155 - Astronomy Ancient Cultures: SC2\* (3 Cr.)
    - AST 160 - Cosmology: Origin and Evolution of the Universe: GT-SC2\* (3 Cr.)
    - BIO 116 - Introduction to Human Disease: GT-SC2\* (3 Cr.)
    - ENV 110 - Natural Disasters: GT-SC2\* (3 Cr.)

Year 1: Spring

* 6 Credits, Elective
  + ~Recommended Elective(s)~
    - ART 139 - Digital Photography I (3 Cr.)
    - CIS 118 - Intro to PC Applications (3 Cr.)
    - COM 115 - Public Speaking\* (3 Cr.)
    - ENG 221 - Creative Writing I: GT-AH1 (3 Cr.)
    - HUM 103 - Introduction to Film Art: AH2\* (3 Cr.)
    - POS 111 - American Government: GT-SS1\* (3 Cr.)
    - POS 125 - American State and Local Government: GT- SS1\* (3 Cr.)
* 3 Credits, ENG 122 - English Composition II: GT-CO2 (3 Cr.)
* 3 Credits, JOU 106 - Media News and Reporting (3 Cr.)
* 4 Credits, Natural / Physical Science GT-SC1
  + ~Recommended Natural / Physical Science Course(s)~
    - ANT 111 - Biological Anthropology with Laboratory: GT-SC1\* (4 Cr.)
    - ANT 212 - Introduction to Forensic Anthropology with Lab: GT-SC1\* (4 Cr.)
    - AST 101 - Astronomy with Lab: Planetary Systems: GT-SC1\* (4 Cr.)
    - AST 102 - Stellar Astronomy with Lab: Stars and Galaxies: GT-SC1\* (4 Cr.)
    - BIO 104 - Biology: A Human Approach: GT-SC1 (4 Cr.)
    - BIO 105 - Science of Biology with Lab: GT-SC1\* (4 Cr.)
    - CHE 101 - Introduction to Chemistry I with Lab: GT-SC1\* (5 Cr.)
    - ENV 101 - Environmental Science with Lab: GT-SC1\* (4 Cr.)
    - GEY 111 - Physical Geology w/Lab: GT-SC1\* (4 Cr.)
* 3 Credits, Social / Behavioral Science GT-SS1-SS3
  + ~Recommended Social / Behavioral Science Course(s)~
    - PSY 101 - General Psychology I: GT-SS3\* (3 Cr.)
    - PSY 226 - Social Psychology: GT-SS3\* (3 Cr.)
    - SOC 101 - Introduction to Sociology I: GT-SS3\* (3 Cr.)
    - SOC 218 - Sociology of Diversity: GT-SS3\* (3 Cr.)
    - SPA 211 - Spanish Language III: GT-AH4 (3 Cr.)

Year 2: Fall

* 3 Credits, Arts / Humanities GT-AH1-AH4
  + ~Recommended Arts / Humanities Course(s)~
    - ENG 221 - Creative Writing I: GT-AH1 (3 Cr.)
    - HUM 103 - Introduction to Film Art: AH2\* (3 Cr.)
    - HUM 115 - World Mythology: GT-AH2\* (3 Cr.)
    - HUM 123 - Humanities: Modern World: GT-AH2\* (3 Cr.)
    - LIT 115 - Introduction to Literature I: GT-AH2\* (3 Cr.)
    - PHI 111 - Introduction to Philosophy: GT-AH3\* (3 Cr.)
    - PHI 205 - Business Ethics: GT-AH3 (3 Cr.)
    - THE 215 - Playwriting: GT-AH1 (3 Cr.)
* 6 Credits, Elective
  + ~Recommended Elective(s)~
    - ART 139 - Digital Photography I (3 Cr.)
    - ART 144 - Portrait Photography (3 Cr.)
    - BUS 217 - Business Communication & Report Writing (3 Cr.)
    - ENG 230 - Creative Nonfiction (3 Cr.)
    - HUM 103 - Introduction to Film Art: AH2\* (3 Cr.)
* 3 Credits, History GT-HI1
  + ~Recommended History Course(s)~
    - HIS 122 - United States History Since the Civil War: GT-H1\* (3 Cr.), HIS 225 - Colorado History: GT-HI1\* (3 Cr.) OR any other History class
* 3 Credits, JOU 225 - New Media (3 Cr.)

Year 2: Spring

* 3 Credits, Choose one of the following: JOU 121, JOU 215, JOU 231, JOU 241
  + JOU 121 - Photojournalism (3 Cr.)
  + JOU 215 - Publications Productions and Design (3 Cr.)
  + JOU 231 - Introduction to Public Relations (4 Cr.)
  + JOU 241 - Feature and Magazine Writing (3 Cr.)
* 5 Credits, Elective
  + ~Recommended Elective(s)~
    - ART 139 - Digital Photography I (3 Cr.)
    - ART 144 - Portrait Photography (3 Cr.)
    - CIS 118 - Intro to PC Applications (3 Cr.)
    - COM 115 - Public Speaking\* (3 Cr.)
    - ENG 131 - Technical Writing I: GT-CO1\* (3 Cr.)
    - ENG 230 - Creative Nonfiction (3 Cr.)
    - ENG 231 - Literary Magazine\* (3 Cr.)
    - HIS 225 - Colorado History: GT-HI1\* (3 Cr.)
* 3 Credits, Social / Behavioral Science GT-SS1-SS3
  + ~Recommended Social / Behavioral Science Course(s)~
    - ANT 101 - Cultural Anthropology: GT-SS3\* (3 Cr.)
    - COM 220 - Intercultural Communication: GT-SS3\* (3 Cr.)
    - CRJ 110 - Introduction to Criminal Justice: SS3\* (3 Cr.)
    - ECO 101 - Economics of Social Issues: GT-SS1\* (3 Cr.)
    - GEO 105 - World Regional Geography: GT-SS2\* (3 Cr.)
    - POS 111 - American Government: GT-SS1\* (3 Cr.)
    - POS 125 - American State and Local Government: GT- SS1\* (3 Cr.)

RECOMMENDED COURSE SEQUENCE PART-TIME TRACK

Year 1: Fall

* 3 Credits, Arts / Humanities GT-AH1-AH4
  + ~Recommended Arts / Humanities Course(s)~
    - ART 110 - Art Appreciation GT-AH1\* (3 Cr.)
    - HUM 103 - Introduction to Film Art: AH2\* (3 Cr.)
    - MUS 120 - Music Appreciation: GT-AH1\* (3 Cr.)
* 3 Credits, ENG 121 - English Composition I: GT-CO1 (3 Cr.)
* 3 Credits, JOU 105 - Introduction to Mass Media: GT-SS3 (3 Cr.)

Year 1: Spring

* 3 Credits, JOU 106 - Media News and Reporting (3 Cr.)
* 3 Credits, MAT 120 - Mathematics for the Liberal Arts: GT-MA1 (4 Cr.)
* 3 Credits, Social / Behavioral Science GT-SS1-SS3
  + ~Recommended Social / Behavioral Science Course(s)~
    - ANT 101 - Cultural Anthropology: GT-SS3\* (3 Cr.)
    - COM 220 - Intercultural Communication: GT-SS3\* (3 Cr.)
    - CRJ 110 - Introduction to Criminal Justice: SS3\* (3 Cr.)
    - ECO 101 - Economics of Social Issues: GT-SS1\* (3 Cr.)
    - GEO 105 - World Regional Geography: GT-SS2\* (3 Cr.)
    - POS 111 - American Government: GT-SS1\* (3 Cr.)
    - POS 125 - American State and Local Government: GT- SS1\* (3 Cr.)

Year 1: Summer

* 3 Credits, ENG 122 - English Composition II: GT-CO2 (3 Cr.)

Year 2: Fall

* 3 Credits, History GT-HI1
  + ~Recommended History Course(s)~
    - HIS 122 - United States History Since the Civil War: GT-H1\* (3 Cr.), HIS 225 - Colorado History: GT-HI1\* (3 Cr.) OR any other History class
* 3 Credits, JOU 225 - New Media (3 Cr.)
* 3 Credits, Social / Behavioral Science GT-SS1-SS3
  + ~Recommended Social / Behavioral Science Course(s)~
    - PSY 101 - General Psychology I: GT-SS3\* (3 Cr.)
    - PSY 226 - Social Psychology: GT-SS3\* (3 Cr.)
    - SOC 101 - Introduction to Sociology I: GT-SS3\* (3 Cr.)
    - SOC 218 - Sociology of Diversity: GT-SS3\* (3 Cr.)
    - SPA 211 - Spanish Language III: GT-AH4 (3 Cr.)

Year 2: Spring

* 3 Credits, Choose one of the following: JOU 121, JOU 215, JOU 231, JOU 241
  + JOU 121 - Photojournalism (3 Cr.)
  + JOU 215 - Publications Productions and Design (3 Cr.)
  + JOU 231 - Introduction to Public Relations (4 Cr.)
  + JOU 241 - Feature and Magazine Writing (3 Cr.)
* 4 Credits, Natural / Physical Science GT-SC1
  + ~Recommended Natural / Physical Science Course(s)~
    - ANT 111 - Biological Anthropology with Laboratory: GT-SC1\* (4 Cr.)
    - ANT 212 - Introduction to Forensic Anthropology with Lab: GT-SC1\* (4 Cr.)
    - AST 101 - Astronomy with Lab: Planetary Systems: GT-SC1\* (4 Cr.)
    - AST 102 - Stellar Astronomy with Lab: Stars and Galaxies: GT-SC1\* (4 Cr.)
    - BIO 104 - Biology: A Human Approach: GT-SC1 (4 Cr.)
    - BIO 105 - Science of Biology with Lab: GT-SC1\* (4 Cr.)
    - CHE 101 - Introduction to Chemistry I with Lab: GT-SC1\* (5 Cr.)
    - ENV 101 - Environmental Science with Lab: GT-SC1\* (4 Cr.)
    - GEY 111 - Physical Geology w/Lab: GT-SC1\* (4 Cr.)

Year 2: Summer

* 6 Credits, Elective
  + ~Recommended Elective(s)~
    - ART 139 - Digital Photography I (3 Cr.)
    - CIS 118 - Intro to PC Applications (3 Cr.)
    - COM 115 - Public Speaking\* (3 Cr.)
    - ENG 221 - Creative Writing I: GT-AH1 (3 Cr.)
    - HUM 103 - Introduction to Film Art: AH2\* (3 Cr.)
    - POS 111 - American Government: GT-SS1\* (3 Cr.)
    - POS 125 - American State and Local Government: GT- SS1\* (3 Cr.)

Year 3: Fall

* 5 Credits, Elective
  + ~Recommended Elective(s)~
    - ART 139 - Digital Photography I (3 Cr.)
    - ART 144 - Portrait Photography (3 Cr.)
    - CIS 118 - Intro to PC Applications (3 Cr.)
    - COM 115 - Public Speaking\* (3 Cr.)
    - ENG 131 - Technical Writing I: GT-CO1\* (3 Cr.)
    - ENG 230 - Creative Nonfiction (3 Cr.)
    - ENG 231 - Literary Magazine\* (3 Cr.)
    - HIS 225 - Colorado History: GT-HI1\* (3 Cr.)
* 3 Credits, Natural / Physical Science GT-SC2
  + ~Recommended Natural / Physical Science Course(s)~
    - AST 155 - Astronomy Ancient Cultures: SC2\* (3 Cr.)
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    - BIO 116 - Introduction to Human Disease: GT-SC2\* (3 Cr.)
    - ENV 110 - Natural Disasters: GT-SC2\* (3 Cr.)

Year 3: Spring

* 3 Credits, Arts / Humanities GT-AH1-AH4
  + ~Recommended Arts / Humanities Course(s)~
    - ENG 221 - Creative Writing I: GT-AH1 (3 Cr.)
    - HUM 103 - Introduction to Film Art: AH2\* (3 Cr.)
    - HUM 115 - World Mythology: GT-AH2\* (3 Cr.)
    - HUM 123 - Humanities: Modern World: GT-AH2\* (3 Cr.)
    - LIT 115 - Introduction to Literature I: GT-AH2\* (3 Cr.)
    - PHI 111 - Introduction to Philosophy: GT-AH3\* (3 Cr.)
    - PHI 205 - Business Ethics: GT-AH3 (3 Cr.)
    - THE 215 - Playwriting: GT-AH1 (3 Cr.)
* 6 Credits, Elective
  + ~Recommended Elective(s)~
    - ART 139 - Digital Photography I (3 Cr.)
    - ART 144 - Portrait Photography (3 Cr.)
    - BUS 217 - Business Communication & Report Writing (3 Cr.)
    - ENG 230 - Creative Nonfiction (3 Cr.)
    - HUM 103 - Introduction to Film Art: AH2\* (3 Cr.)